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The Gate Program Offers Job Opportunity Course

THE General Adult Training and Education (GATE) Program is featuring a special skills course in Gregg Shorthand. The free class meets every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 10 in Apt. 69 Room A, at Conifer Village.

"Gregg Shorthand," according to the instructor, Mrs. Goldie Palms, "is very easy to learn and has been used by millions of people, not only in the English language, but in many foreign languages as well."

Shorthand is an exciting, fun course to learn, especially when you are studying in small groups. The course is designed to assist a person in acquiring and maintaining office jobs and other academic pursuits, according to Mrs. Palms.

Above is a photo of GATE's Shorthand Class for last quarter. We were proud to find that men as well as women have the need for Shorthand and often use it as a part of their daily occupation.

Rick Richardson (Row 1, second from left) is presently a student at Tacoma Community College. He is preparing to become a doctor and is taking shorthand here in the GATE Program to improve his speed in making notations.

Doris Shaw (Row1, far right) is taking Shorthand to increase her employment opportunities.

Minga (Sandy) Rodriquez was recommended for an outstanding student certificate. She was a beginner student during last quarter and has achieved all the course objectives.

Marilyn Finely (Row 2, far left) needed the course to brush up on her skills. She now writes 85 words per minute in Gregg.

The other students shown are Harvey and Caroline Philpot and Diana Richardson. Mrs. Palms is in the second row, third from left.

If you are interested in joining this Shorthand class or any other GATE classes, simply call LO 4-7200 Ext. 634 and ask to be registered.

The "9th"—"Unit of Choice"

Ft. Lewis, Wash. — The 9th Infantry Division has been added to the select list of "Unit of Choice" enlistment options.

Lieutenant Colonel Howard K. Hostler is directing the recruiting program for the division, which is slated for activation here this spring.

He will be assisted by Captain Gregory J. Saxton, a native Tacoman who commanded a basic training company here after returning from a year in Vietnam.

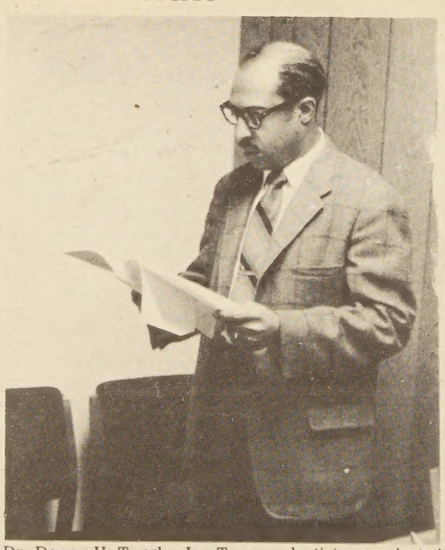
Under the division's Unit of Choice program, men who enlist in combat arms branches will be assured 16 months duty with the 9th.

Captain Saxton said volunteers will receive basic training at the Army training center closest to their homes, then take advanced individual training with their assigned units.

The 9th Division brings the Unit Of Choice total to ten. Two others, the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and the 197th Airborne Infantry Regiment, close out their recruiting campaigns March 31.

Army recruiting stations have detailed information on the enlistment options.

Dr. Dewey Tuggle Elected TCC Board Chairman



Dr. Dewey H. Tuggle, Jr., Tacoma dentist, was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Tacoma Community College March 23.

His term as chairman begins April 3 and will extend through June 30, 1973.

He succeeds the Rev. Robert Yamashita as chairman. Donald E. Anderson was elected vice chairman of the five-member board.

Dr. Tuggle was appointed to the TCC Board by Gov. Dan Evans in 1969. A retired Air Force major, Dr. Tuggle founded a preventive dentistry clinic in the Hilltop area in 1968.

He earned a bachelor of science degree at Lane College, Jackson, Tenn., and a doctor of dental science degree at Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.

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Equal— Or Separate But Equal?

There seems to be an all-out effort afoot to confuse, becloud and destroy the important tool of bussing.

Suddenly, we are deluged with plans. One politician offers a constitutional amendment to ban bussing and provide us instead with "equal education." Another would create an Equal Education Opportunity Commission—and ban bussing. Still others offer minor variations on these basic themes. But all seek to accomplish one end. All pretend bussing is an issue, and a bad one at that.

It isn't.

Bussing is a tool, and only a tool, by which we can partially achieve an integrated educational climate. As a tool, it isn't ideal, nor is it easy. Bussing works a hardship on our children and their parents. It is, at best, a clumsy mechanism, and it is expensive.

But it the *only* tool we have today, and should not be discarded or allowed to be banned.

Until these United States truly subscribe to and achieve open housing, until equal employment opportunity is a reality and not a goal, then and only then can we dispense with the critical tool of bussing.

Without bussing, all this talk of "equal educational opportunity" is poppycock. What these people are really offering us is the same old "separate but equal" doctrine that divided the country and destroyed the chances of thousands of children for full participation in American society.

Difficult as it may be, we must stick with bussing as the only means by which our children can get to know and understand each other. This, too, is a part of their education; perhaps the most important thing they will learn in all their years in school.

And we must be wary of the glib "separate but equal" argument. There is *no such thing* as "separate but equal." Separate means one thing—set apart, segregated, shut out of the mainstream . . .right back where we started.

So, regardless of the beauty of the school building or the quality of its teachers, if a school is all-white, all-brown or all-black, it is NOT all-American, and it is NOT equal.

Only an integrated society can provide equal education opportunity. Only when children from varying backgrounds can study together, play together and grow up together can their education be "equal."

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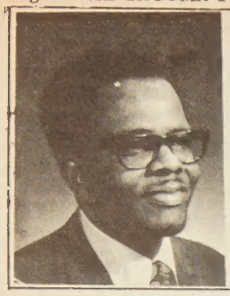

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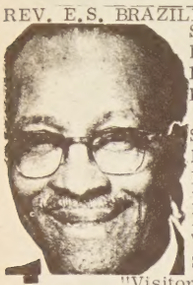

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Sunrise Service

Fourteen area churches will conduct a combined Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 2, beginning at 6:00 a.m. at St. John Baptist Church.

Rev. J.A. Boles, pastor of St. John will host the visiting ministers and congregations.

Area churches participating are: St. John Baptist, Mt. Tabor, Shiloh, St. Paul, Mt. Cavalry, Allen AME, Bethlehem, Miles Memorial CME, Eastside Community Center, Peace Lutheran, New Jerusalem, Immanuel Temple, and Greater Harvest Baptist Church.

Regular church service at St. John will be held at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

St. John is located at 2001 So. "J" Street. The public is cordially invited to share the Easter service with the church.

Anniversary

Religious leaders from Tacoma, Seattle and Bremerton will join members of Tacoma's St. John Baptist Church Sunday evening, April 9 to end a two day anniversary celebration.

Members of St. John will honor their pastor J. Andrew Boles, Sr., on his 20th anniversary as pastor of the church.

Friday evening, April 7, has been designated "Tacoma Night." Rev. E.Z. Brazell, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church will be the guest speaker. Choirs from several churches in the Tacoma area will perform.

Rev. Boles came to Tacoma in 1952 from the Tabernacle Baptist church in Seattle and has taken the church from a mere eight member congregation to well over a thousand today. Throughout his ministry, he has been active in civic and community projects. Earlier this year, his distinguished service and ability was recognized with his election as President of the Far West American Baptist Convention.

The program for "Anniversary Day," April 9, will begin at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. W.P. Johnson, pastor of Mt. Baker Baptist church, Seattle, delivering the accolades and bringing the Christian message.

Mrs. Jessie Glen, chairman of the anniversary committee said a special dinner will be served in the church dining facility from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Betty Booker is co-chairman of the anniversary committee.

The public is cordially invited to attend the program.

Absentee Ballots Available

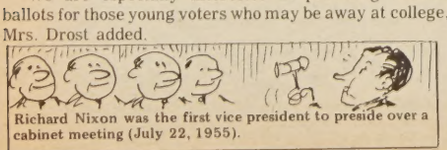
Applications for absentee ballots are now available for those who wish to vote in the April 11 special election.

The applications are available through the Citizens' Committee for School Support.

According to Mrs. Robert Drost, campaign coordinator for the Citizens' Committee, the applications will be made available for those who call the Citizens' Committee telephone number, FU 3-5651, or copies may be picked up from any member of the Citizens' Committee for School Support or from a local school office.

Absentee ballots will be sent by the election department to those who will be absent from Tacoma on the day of the election or those who are incapacitated, explaines Mrs. Drost.

"We are especially interested in providing absentee ballots for those young voters who may be away at college," Mrs. Drost added.



Richard Nixon was the first vice president to preside over a cabinet meeting (July 22, 1955).

Easter Cantata

A 30-voice choir from St. John Baptist Church will present an Easter Cantata, Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m., Arpil 2.

The cantata, "Claudia's First Easter," is a three act play set to music directed by Gilbert L. Evans and obbette Crews.

A sixteen member cast dressed in biblical costumes of the roman era will enact the life of Jesus beginning on Good Friday, the trial before Pontus Pilate, the crucifixion and resurrection.

Special soloist for the oratoria will be Ruby Hudson, Ruth Gentry, Sarah Davis and Roger O'Kenner.

Mrs. Ruby Irons will conduct the choir while Mrs. John Bankston, provides the piano accompaniment.

Compositions will include "Behold The Man," "Hosanna," "The Lord Is My Shepard," and "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name."

Leading the cast of characters will be Reverend and Mrs. Emilio Encarnacion as Pontus Pilate and claudia. Norris Terry will play the role Longimus the Roman soldier and Lewis Harris, Joseph of Arimathea.

Other members of the cast are: Rachel, RubyHudson; Huldah, Ruth Gentry; Isaiah, Rev. Jerry Perry; Jared, Arthur Barnes; Judean Maidservants, Gwen Gilmore and Elorna Smith; The Prophet, Rev. Charles Price; a member of the Sanhedrin, Jospeh Boles; Joseph's gardner, Joe Smith, and wife of huza, Herod's steward, Bobbette Crews.

Music for the 90-minute cantata was written by Charles F. Lane. The book and lyrics by L.C. Duncan Yale.

The public is cordially invited to attend and hear the cantata. St. John Baptist Church is located at 2001 So. "J" Street in Tacoma.

T.E.A.A. Sweetheart of 1972

The Telephone Employees Activities Association proudly announces that Mrs. Clarissa Branch, data processing supervisor for Pacific Northwest Bell, was recently crowned T.E.A.A. Sweetheart 1972. Out of a total of five finalists, Clarissa was chosen by her fellow employees in the Seattle Bell system. She was also voted in by her fellow candidates as "Miss Congeniality." Clarissa's duties during her reigning year are attending the many social functions and out-of-hour activities that are set up for the Bell System employees, their families and friends. At the end of her term, she will be presented with a $100.00 gift certificate from a store of her choice.

Clarissa is the wife of J. W. Branch, employed by the Federal Reserve Bank in Seattle, and the mother of 10½ year old Angel. Mrs. Branch has been with Pacific Northwest Bell for a total of ten years.

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Public Ceremony at Fort Lewis

FORT LEWIS, WASH.—Colors of the 2nd Basic Combat Training Brigade—infantry alma mater to more than a hundred thousand young men over the past six years—furls its colors in deactivation ceremonies set for 3:30 p.m. Friday.

The rites will be held in front of the Division Chapel, where a 15-foot high stained glass window donated by men of the Brigade has been installed.

Major General Alexander R. Bolling, Jr., Fort Lewis commanding general, and Lieutenant Colonel Harvey C. Mayse, brigade commander, will retire the unit flags, then move to the chapel to unveil the window display.

Soldiers of the Brigade contributed $1,500 to the memorial window. Designed and built by Steven Shabaghlian of the Mercer Island Glass Works, it depicts the prophet Joshua.

The ceremony will be open to the public, with a special invitation extended to all present and past members of the Brigade.

Food First Program

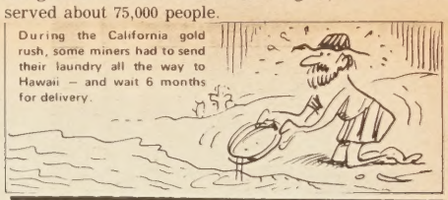
Ron Rouisse, the volunteer coordinator of the Central Area-Hilltop Foodbank, is moving into the role of co-director for the Food First Program.

Ron has been operating the bank at 1423 S. Yakima for ten months and feels he can serve the people of the Hilltop area more effectively in his new position. He is presently looking for someone to take over his job at the foodbank, although he will still be involved in its operation.

Ron is a volunteer in the Jusesit Lay Program and is assigned to St. Lee's Church. The food and money necessary to keep the bank open is donated, for the most part, from several cooperating churches and schools in the area. The bank serves, on the average, from 2,000 to 3,000 people each month.

The basic philosophy of Food First is to give food without judgement to those who ask. "We don't feel it is necessary or practical to make a person fill out an eight-page form to prove that he is a real person and is hungry," Ron said, "If he says he's hungry, that's good enough for us. We work under the premise that people are basically honest and after a year of experience, we can see no reason to change."

Food First is a community organized system of foodbanks set up over a year ago to feed the hungry of Pierce County. There are fifteen volunteer foodbanks operating throughout the greater Tacoma area. Since August, Food First has served about 75,000 people.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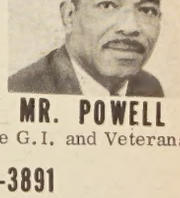

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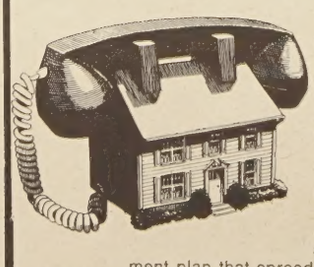

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Upendoes Presents Black Art Show

Mrs. Richard Mason, Chairman of the Upendo's second annual black Art Show, gets a preview of Eddie Walker's "A Mother's Love."

Dion Henderson, a Seattle Black artist, defined Black Art as "being concerned with the cultural, spiritual, economical and political liberation of Black people. It deals with the reality of being Black."

The public is invited to view Dion's sketches at the Upendo na Maendeleo Club's second annual Black Art Show, Sunday, April 2, 1972, 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., at the City Association Club House, 2316 South Yakima. Other participating artists are: Addie Billingsley, oil; Vic Harris, copper; Jim Smith, woodcarving; Jay Smith, oil; Robert Earl Joyce, acrylic; Ellis Cain, oil; Eddie Walker, oil.

"Soul Gone Home," a one-act comedy by Langston Hughes, will also be presented at 3:30 p.m. The members of the cast are: Diane Botley, Mother; Walter Wells, Son; Keith Johnson and Michael Stubblefield, City Health Men.

Donations are $1.00. The proceeds will go toward the Upendo's Social Service Fund.

Teacher to Attend Conference

Ruth Daniels, a title IV advisory specialist at Stanley and Geiger grade schools will attend the "National Policy Conference on Education for Blacks" in Washington, D.C., from March 29 through April 1.

Mrs. Daniels was recently elected to a directors post for the Pierce County Health Council. The Council is the official health planning body for the county.

She is also an active member of the strategy planning committee of the Minority Affairs Task Force, chairman of the Urban League work incentive task force and the U.G.N. budget committee.

Inbetween her busy schedule, Mrs. Daniles still finds time to teach an African drums and dance ensemble class at Stanley and Franklin schools.

Mrs. Daniels is attending the conference through the joint efforts of the Tacoma Public Schools and the Tacoma Urban League.

New Service

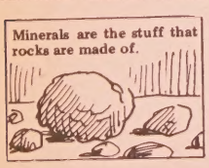
CONSUMER OFFICE: Beverly Miller, legal secretary, showed Attorney General Slade Gorton the sign on the door of the Consumer Protection Division's new Tacoma office, 116 S. 9th. Gorton also announced the appointment of Assistant Attorney General Gayer Dominick as manager of the consumer office. In addition to providing assistance with consumer problems, staff members are available for talks to groups. In addition, the office has consumer-education material on hand.

News From Police Chief

Chief of Police Lyle E. Smith advised today that because of significant increases in the number of accidents occurring in business districts, motorists should be alerted to a probably increase in enforcement activity in those areas. Chief Smith went on to relate that excessive speed was a contributing factor in many of these accidents and that he has instructed the Traffic Division to study methods for an increased use of Radar Units in the more crowded streets of the business districts.

Chief Smith wished the public to be informed of another problem concerning high speeds being driven on Olympic Boulevard, the approach to the Narrows Bridge. He stated that it was not at all uncommon to learn of motorists driving at speeds of 65 and 70 miles per hour on this street. Since this area is a 40 MPH zone which experiences excessive amounts of traffic in spring and summer months, motorists should exercise extra caution. This area will experience more radar enforcement in the future.

Finally, the chief emphasized his entire concern in these matters is to reduce the rising toll of lives, injuries and property destruction occurring on the streets of Tacoma.



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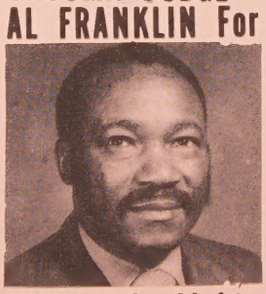

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School Board Member Asked to Resign From Board

In a letter to Frank J. Gillihan, Chairman of the Tacoma School Board, the Executive Board of the Tacoma Federation of Teachers has demanded his immediate resignation from the board.

Mr. Gillihan, a car salesman for Steven Motor Company, has been sending letters to teachers advertising the line of automobiles available that he sells and an invitation to test drive any one.

Al Brisbois, vice president and spokesman for the Tacoma Federation of Teacher's Executive Board said, "We don't object to the general nature of the letter. It is a business letter. What we do object to are the innuendos that the letter conveys."

He went on to say that above the body of the letter was stamped in red ink the following phrase, 'special school discount prices . . . see me.'

Brisbois continued by stating, "It is apparent to us that he is using his office to obtain a quasi-confidential list of names and addresses of teachers with the explicit intent of doing business with this captive group. Furthermore, we feel the innuendo referring to teachers is saying that because of his official capacity as Chairman of the school board, he is responsible for teachers allegedly receiving a 5 percent salary increase next year, and therefore, since has done us a favor we should do him a favor in return—namely, buy a new car from Frank J. Gillihan."

The spokesman concluded by saying, "The action was taken because the Federation's basic philosophy is one of trying to improve education for children in Tacoma and that this type of behavior by a school board member violates everything the Federation stands for. In our opinion, he has not only violated our confidence in him but we feel he has violated the public's confidence, whose children we are educating, therefore, we demand his immediate resignation from the Tacoma School Board."

For further information contact: Al Brisbois, Vice President, Tacoma Federation of Teachers, 755 Tacoma Avenue South. BR 2-6010 or 3117 No. 21st St. SK 9-7911, Tacoma, Washington.

PLU to Begin Education Program at Fort Lewis

Ft. Lewis, Wash. — Pacific Luthern University will begin a graduate degree program at Fort Lewis this fall, offering military personnel a master of arts degree in social sciences with emphasis on human relations.

The program, announced by Major General Alexander R. Bolling, Jr., and university president Dr. Eugene W. Wiegman, is the first to offer an advanced degree here.

James M. Greenhalgh, post education services officer, said the agreement between the fort and the university calls for six class terms to be held at the Fort Lewis Army Education Center each year.

The first term is scheduled to start August 21 this year.

Madigan General Hospital and McChord AFB will participate in the program. Military dependents, employees, and other civilian students will be admitted on a space available basis.

Greenhalgh said the degree will require completion of eight courses. Flexibility will be allowed in course selection to fit individual needs but the following are representative of the subjects offered:

Social philosophy, industrial management, social intervention, personnel and industrial relations, research methods, group processes, systems analysis, minorities, and organizational environment.

To be eligible for admission to the program, students must have completed a baccalaureate degree and have an acceptable grade point average.

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Johnny's key word is, "I balance." He is happiest when he has harmonious surroundings, and pleasant and agreeable relations with his family and friends. His Moon and Mercury in Scorpio make him sensitive and emotional with great pride. It gives him a well developed, penetrating intellect. His Mars in Sagittarius makes him bold, open, enthusiastic, argumentative, fond of sports and travelling. Johnny was introduced to music while still a toddler in his native San Francisco where he was the fourth of seven children. His parents, Clem and Mildred Mathis, hired out as a chauffeur-butler-cook team. Clem had given up his song-and-dance career in vaudeville to feed a growing family, but his enthusiasm for show business never died. He made a special point of teaching his children what he remembered from his stage days and, of them all, Johnny seemed the most promising. Johnny made musical history with his first record, "Wonderful, Wonderful." His career has been that way ever since. Today Johnny maintains a spacious mansion with an indoor swimming pool in the hills above Hollywood, a New York apartment and a chalet near the Bavarian Alps. He numbers among his friends many of the country's leading sports figures as well as celebrities in the entertainment field. Johnny has received eighteen GOLD record albums. (That's ALBUMS — not records!).

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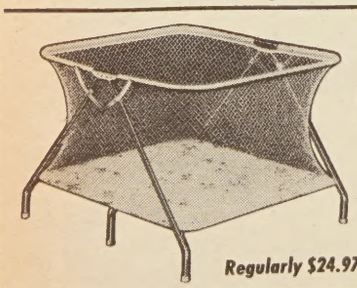

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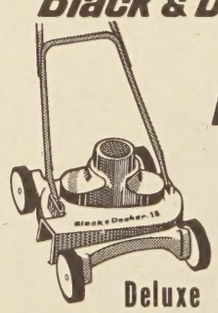

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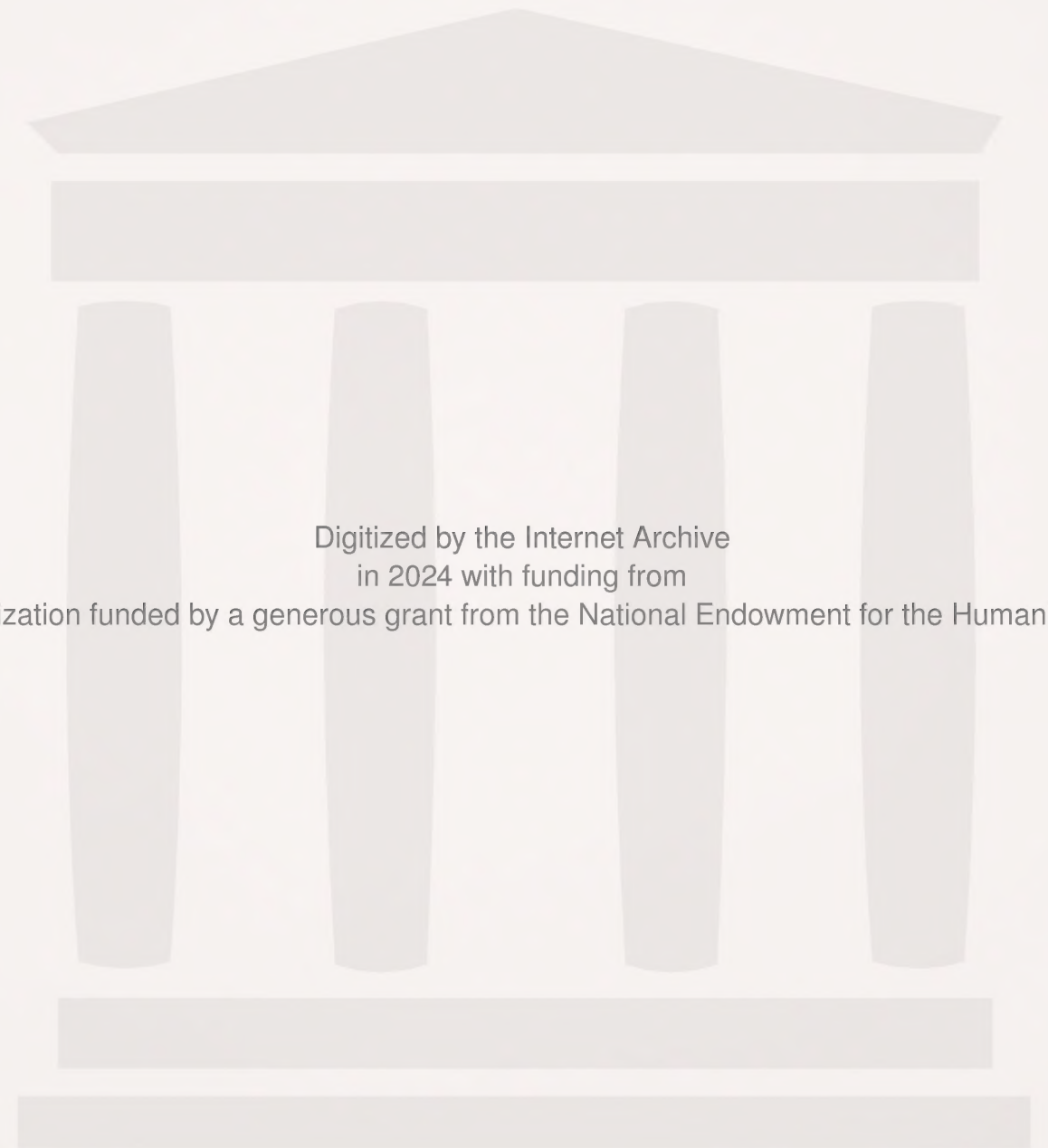

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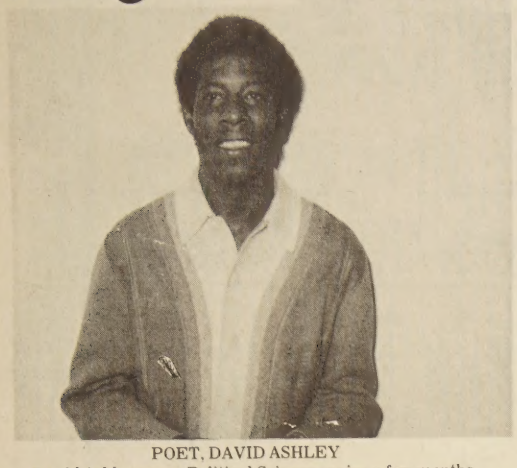
Meet Your Neighbor

By D.M. McKERSON



POET, DAVID ASHLEY

David Ashley was a Political Science major a few months ago and the President of a Black Student Union. One day he found himself, standing alone, looking over his shoulder, trying to see how many of his troop were with him. He was a lone captain for the cause—a captain who had not planned or thought out the strategy needed to win the fight.

"I reacted, he explained. "I thought that they were with me. I was all alone. The end result of the fight—well, I was kicked out of the University."

Today, David is an aspiring young poet and he finds himself alone again. Inspired, after hearing and reading Nikki Giovanni, he knew that he wanted more than anything to express himself in the greatest form of art.

"I wanted to write about my Black experiences, to write about the things I appreciate, the things I believe in," said David.

He found that the Black poet has a difficult time being accepted by both whites and his Black brothers.

"Whites say that I am too revolutionary; that I don't write in a universal sense; that my poetry is communistic propaganda," David explained, slowly, using his hands to punctuate almost every word.

"More of my own people turn me away than the man. Black people should give more support to the Black artists, famous ones or the neighborhood kid who is trying to express himself through some form, whether it's music, art, or poetry."

"You know, it seems that we have lost our goals, our sense of the feeling of unity. It is the Black artist's duty to try to redefine these goals. It is the artist who perpetuates a people's culture."

Perhaps, one day, David will not stand alone. He will take his place beside other great Black poets who have withstood the lonliness and continued to write about the Black experience—messengers to and for their people.

Tacoma Club—Theta Sigma Phi

An added attraction to this year's Puyallup Daffodil Festival will be the Tacoma chapter of Theta Sigma Phi's Matrix Table Thursday, April 6, at the Sherwood Inn. Featured speaker will be Washington State's only current congresswoman, Julia Butler Hansen of athlamet.

A veteran of eight years as a city councilwoman, twenty-one years in the state legislature and twelve years in the United States Congress, Mrs. Hansen will comment on pertinent issues relating to "Washington: Here and There."

An author as well as a wife and mother, Mrs. Hansen will share some of her leadership experiences as the first councilwoman of her city, the first speaker Pro Tem and chairman of the House Roads and Bridges Committee of the Washington State House of Representatives.

Mrs. Hansen currently is chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies and is the first woman to serve on the Military Construction Appropriations Subcommittee. She is also serving on the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.

Author of the prize-winning Northwest historical juvenile novel, **Singing Paddles**, published poems and feature articles, Mrs. Hansen was chosen an honorary state member of Delta Kappa Gamma in 1947 for "Outstanding service to the cause of education."

In keeping with the traditions of Matrix Table banquets held every spring by Theta Sigma Phi chapters across the country, the Tacoma club of women journalists will honor other women of achievement in civic and professional groups.

Others attending the banquet will include Theta Sigma Phi members and their guests, members of Sigma Delta Chi (honorary for men and women in communications), representatives of industrial publications and other news media.

Mrs. Hansen will be available for a news conference April 6 at 5:30 p.m. in the Guild Hall Banquet Room of the Sherwood Inn. A social hour starting at 6:15 p.m. will precede the dinner and program.

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Mr. B. Gets Own "Jazz Show"

Pictured above (left to right) are Billy Eckstine and Cannonball Adderley.

Memphis - Stax Records' recording star Billy Eckstine has permeated the television field with his own series, The Jazz Show.

The show debuted March of last year on KNBC/Channel 4 in Burbank, California.

Its list of entertainers has included some of the country's well-known jazz figures such as Cannonball Adderley, Sarah Vaughan, Herbie Hancock, O.C. Smith and others.

Producing the series in association with KNBC is Leonard Feather, jazz critic and author of "Encyclopedia Of Jazz In The 60's" and "Encyclopedia of Jazz." Directing for the monthly program is Don Davis.

Eckstine's latest album (on Stax's Enterprise label) is "Feel The Warm."

Orchids to Washington State Senator George T. Fleming

Special thanks and appreciation is extended to our Senator George Fleming for his concern and courtesy to the Washington State Delegation that recently attended the National Black Political Convention in Gary, Indiana.

As busy as Senator Fleming was with his duties as a State Convenor, Committee member of the important National Black Political Convention Credential Committee and other duties as a Black Elected Official, he spent unbelieveable time seeing that his constituents were comfortable and kept abreast of all the happenings of this memorable session.

Senator Fleming did not come in second to any of the top Black elected officials—and was called on for advice from key officials, Senator Fleming is the politician's politician.

There were many affairs that the Senator could have attended that was only for Black elected officials, but he chose to stay and participate in activities his Washington State Delegation could attend. He could have had lodging at the same facilities in Gary with the other Black elected officials, but he chose to stay in Chicago with his delegates, so he could keep them up-to-date on all procedures of the convention.

Senator George Fleming is truly a gentlemen and great statesman, in every sense of the word, and "our hats" are off to him for being a very special person.

Lighting The Way To Freedom

"We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us. Too long has the public been deceived by misrepresentations in things that concern us dearly, though in the estimation of some mere trifles, for though there are many in society who exercise toward us benevolent feelings, still (with sorrow we confess it) there are others who make it their business to enlarge upon the least trifle, which tends to the discredit of any person of color...

"The civil rights of a person being of the greatest value, it shall ever be our duty to vindicate our bretheren when oppressed; and to lay the case before the public. We shall also urge upon our brethern (who are qualified by the laws of the different states) the expediency of using their effective franchise, and of making an independent use of the same..."

These words were written by John B. Russwurm, the first Black college graduate in America, and the editor of the nation's first Black newspaper, "Freedom's Journal". They appeared as part of the initial editorial outlining the objectives of the newspaper in its edition of March 16, 1827, some 140 years ago.

The editorial continued, "In the spirit of candor and humility we intend to lay our case before the public, with the view to arrest the progress of prejudice, and to shield ourselves against the consequent evils. We wish to conciliate all and to irritate none, yet we must be firm and unwavering in our principles and persevering in our efforts."

Thus was born the Black press in America, just 108 years after the first Black slaves landed at Jamestown. The role of the Black editor then, as today, was not an easy one, and the record is filled with grim reminders of the hazards confronting those who take up the challenge raised by John B. Russwurm.

Why then, do Black publishers persist?

The answer is clear, if Blacks are deprived of his press, all of the torturous gains achieved through the years since his emancipation will be lost, and tomorrow's Black youth will be at the mercy of the powerful forces, North and South, that still man the ramparts of bigotry, prejudice and discrimination.

And that is why the editors of this newspaper during Black Newspaper Week find it timely to rededicate themselves to the continuing task of lighting the road to freedom, not only for our readers, but for all of America.

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PLU Senior Picked For Black Meet

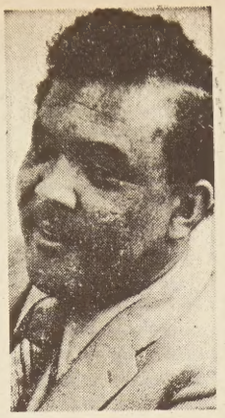
Charles Roach, a Pacific Lutheran University senior, will represent the Student National Education Association at the National Conference on Education for Blacks in Washington, D.C., this week.

The conference, sponsored by the Capitol Hill Minority Caucus, will focus on the lingering problems of education relating to black and deprived communities.

Roach, a retired Army officer completing his undergraduate studies in education at PLU this spring, is one of 15 students invited to the conference and the only representative from states west of the Mississippi River. His participation in the meetings was recommended by the Washington State Student Education Association.

Roach is president of the PLU chapter of the Student Teacher Association, which is affiliated with the SNEA.

The more than 500 delegates attending the conference in Washington will include educational specialists, elected officials, community leaders, parents and student groups from across the nation.



Charles Roach

As a member of the conference's human relations committee, Roach will urge a greater emphasis on provision of resource material relating to minority groups and methods to assure its distribution and use.

The recommendations and priorities determined by the conference delegates and participants will serve as major documentation for inclusion in the National Black Agenda now being developed by the Congressional Black Caucus.

Roach, a native of Texas, has also studied at the University of Maryland; University of Heidelberg, Germany; Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Tex.; and the University of Puget Sound.

He is currently student teaching in the Clover Park

New Veterans' Outfit Formed

Tacoma became the second city in the State of Washington to have a chapter of the American GI Forum, a national veterans' organization principally for Spanish-speaking people, when officers of the newly organized group were installed here.

First chairman of the Tacoma chapter is Emilio M. Benavidez Jr., of 6623 49th St. Court W., an Army veteran with 22 years of service, now employed by Weyerhaeuser Co. A fellow employe at Weyerhaeuser, Victor R. Arrisola Jr. of 6402 49th St. W., is vice chairman. His service record includes 23 years in the Army.

Ramon Vigil, of 3626 S. Ainsworth Ave., an employe of Federal Meat Co. here and a five-year Army veteran is secretary, and Marshall Reyes, of 617 S. Oakes St., who served two years with the Army and now is employed at Ft. Lewis, is treasurer.

Other officers of the new chapter include Reynaldo B. Rodriguez, of 3402 S. M St., sergeant-at-arms, a three-year Army veteran now employed at the White Front tire center, and Antonio Fernandez, of 1013 E. 55th St., parliamentarian, who retired from the Army after 25 years of service.

The only other GI Forum chapter in the state was formed in Seattle about two years ago. The Forum originated in Texas after World War II as a veterans' family organization and since then has grown to include chapters from coast to coast.

Although the group is primarily for Spanish-speaking American service veterans, membership is open to members of veterans' families and a limited number of non-veterans and persons of other nationality.

Motto of the group is "education is our freedom and freedom should be everybody's business."

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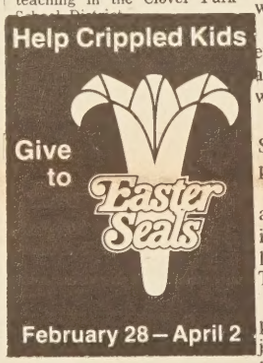
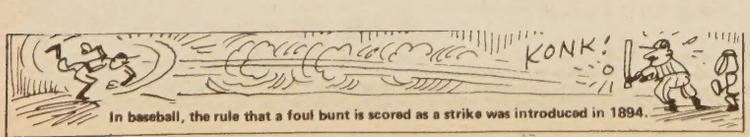


GRIDIRON REWARD — Cadet Gary Topping (left) is shown accepting $1,000 check from U. S. Military Academy's Lt. Gen. William A. Knowlton after the young linebacker had been named outstanding player in 1971 Army-Navy football game. The award is funded annually by the Chevrolet Division of General Motors.



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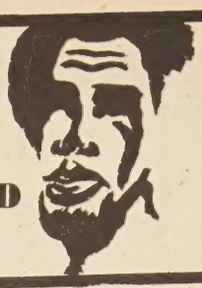

By Warren Lanier

Like the breath of a summer breeze, balmy and calm, the month of March made its debut last Wednesday. The summer like entrance of this usually chilly and windy month seemed to have been nature's way of welcoming the officers, members, distinguished guests, and attendees to The Los Angeles Black Business Conference's "One Hundred Dollars-A-Plate Fund Raising Dinner for Target "72", at the beautiful Century Plaza Hotel in Century City, California. The capacity crowd in attendance read like the who's who of the political, entertainment and professional world, all lending their individual support to the endorsers and supporters of LABBC.

Included were Ralph David Abernathy, President SCLC; Julian Bond, Legislator, Ga.; Yvonne W. Brathwaite, Calif. Assemblywoman; Edward W. Brooke, Senator, Mass.; William L. Clay, Congressman, Missouri; John Conyers, Jr., Congressman, Michigan; Ronald V. Dellums, Congressman, California; Bill Greene, California Assemblyman; Richard Gordon Hatcher, Mayor, Gary, Indiana; Leon D. Ralph, Calif. Assemblyman; Charles B. Rangel, Congressman, New York; Louis B. Stokes, Congressman, Ohio; Sammy Davis, Richard Roundtree, Gloria Lynne, Greg Morris, Della Reese, Wally Thompson and Nancy Wilson.

The hip rappin' being laid on the ears of KBCA's mid day listeners while they change musical lanes with Tollie Stodes' 'magnetic bag' merits attention, plus-his philosophy on life in really saying something; as a matter of fact the 58th Resolution passed by the state of California was laid on the good brother in a ceremony that took place while his show was airing the other Saturday.

Don Tracy, the cheerful guy who wakes up Los Angeles every morning over KGFJ Radio Station, has signed an agency contract to model for Smirnoff Vodka Billboards . . . wow, whatta' eye opener.

Rumor has it that Los Angeles 'soul owned' Black Radio Station KJLH–FM, has a for sale sign floating around the property . . . anybody got a half million bucks???

Bill Brown alias "The Burning Spear," is back on the airwaves of KTYM–FM Radio Station following an accident in Las Vegas, that damm near wrecked his vocal chords for life.

THE SCREEN AND THE SCENE

"Yao," the title of the latest Harold Robbins cinema production dealing with a child growing up in the African jungle will premier this week, and should become a fantastic box office success. The uniqueness of the film lies in the fact that it was shot on location in Africa with non-professional actors speaking in their native language.

Upon acquiring the property Harold Robbins translated it into English; Booker Bradshaw, assistant producer, dubbed in the various voices; Quincy Jones scored the music; and Letta Mbulu lends her voice to the title song. The picture is such an "educational trip" on Africa that Sally Baker gave up one whole hour on her syndicated Hobo Kelly TV show to allow associate producer Booker Bradshaw the opportunity to preview parts of the flick to the kiddies.

Detroit vocal-lovely Laura Lee, whose political platform is based on "Women's Love Rights," playing to SRO crowds nitely at Mavericks Flat, and riding a big hit record with her soul rending version of "Since I Fell For You" . . . Sam Fletcher, holding the spotlite at Larry Hearn's Memory Lane, and sounding better than ever . . . Melba Moore seen in the crowd at The Etc. Club digging dynamic Maxine Weldon lite the fire of vocal excitement on her opening nite .

Senate To Study Bonding Requirements For Miniority

Senator George Fleming (D–37th Dist.) said today the Senate has authorized a legislative study of problems small contractors and minority contractors face in meeting bonding requirements.

"Bonding requirements for contractors often impose a hardship on the smaller contractors of the state," the 37th District legislator said.

"This problem serves to bring out the need for a major revision of the entire system of contractor bonding in the state."

A Senate Resolution sponsored by Senator Fleming directs the Legislative Council to make the study and report its recommendations to the next regular session of the Legislature.

"The Legislative Council is directed to seek the advice and views of contractors, bonding companies, public agencies and the general public on these questions," he said.

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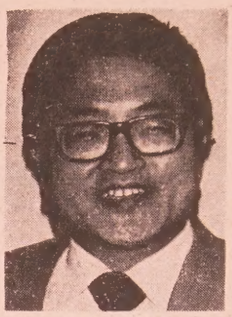

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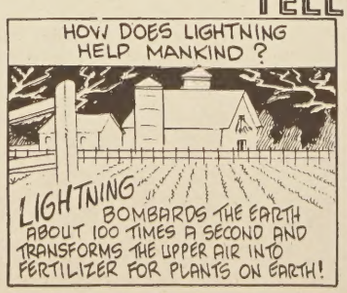
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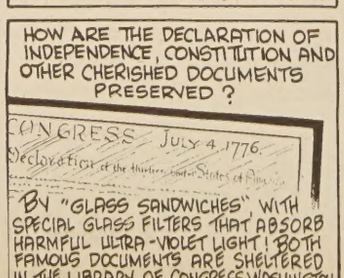
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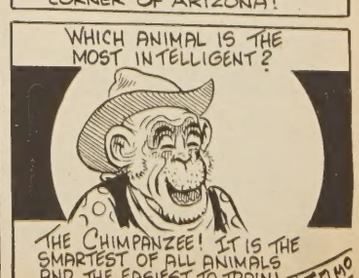

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